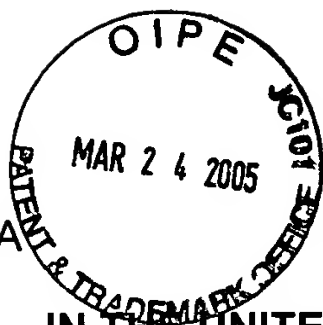


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Appl. No. : 09/713,479
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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
QUIESCING SELECT DATA
MODIFICATION OPERATIONS
AGAINST AN OBJECT OF A
DATABASE DURING ONE OR
MORE STRUCTURAL
OPERATIONS
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following clarifications and comments concurrent with a filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.